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1. An apparatus for preparing trim cap material having a reinforced section for bending, including removing necessary material from said trim cap material at the point of  
5 said bending and marking said trim cap material to indicate a bend location and a bend direction, said apparatus comprising

at least one notcher that removes material at a bend location sufficient to facilitate bending but without the formation of cracks during bending or subsequently during the life of the trim cap material, and

10 at least one dimpler that creates a dimple in said trim cap material that is visible from both sides of said trim cap material.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one shear that cuts said trim cap material at an appropriate position.

3. A method for preparing trim cap material having a reinforced section for bending, including removing necessary material to facilitate bending from said trim cap material and dimpling said trim cap material to indicate a bend location and a bend direction, said method comprising:

20 notching said trim cap material using at least one notcher that removes material at a bend location sufficient to facilitate bending but without the formation of cracks during bending or subsequently during the life of the trim cap material, and

dimpling said trim cap material using at least one dimpler that creates a dimple in said trim cap material that is visible from both sides of said trim cap material.

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